



Indiana Department of Environmental Management

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# DRINKING WATER GUIDANCE MANUAL

for Indiana small and medium community public water supplies

## Introduction

This manual has been prepared to help the owners and operators of small community water systems (less than 10,000 people served). It also will assist you in meeting the requirements of Indiana's public water supply regulations and the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. You will find information about the responsibilities of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and its enforcement policies.

But, this manual is not just about laws and regulations. It will help you with the operation and management of your system and assist you in planning for emergencies.

There is information on public health considerations in supplying drinking water, and the reference sections list important contact names and telephone numbers, as well as information on where you can find other drinking water resources.

Providing drinking water to the public (your family, neighbors and friends) is an important responsibility. You need to know about and understand drinking water regulations and laws so you can better meet the challenges of providing a safe and adequate drinking water supply.

This manual was prepared solely to provide guidance to water suppliers. It does not replace any laws or regulations and it does not represent any formal action or decision by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management or the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If the manual conflicts with any law or regulation, the law or regulation is the controlling authority.

Please keep and use this manual. It will help you in the future. Laws, regulations, procedures and people change. This manual is designed to help you to keep track of those changes by permitting you to add or replace sections of the manual with updates that may be available in the future.